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Fw: Spa road development

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Hello, my name is Charles Fleming, myself and my wife Laura live off Spa Road, next to Bates Middle School, in Carrollton Avenue. We have three daughters aged 14, 12, 10. Since coming to Annapolis in 2000, we have seen a lot of development, especially along West street and this project is very exciting.

Two of our girls can walk to Bates Middle and we frequently use the poplar trail to bring our youngest to Germantown Elementary.

I like to think that one day, if these trails were extended, connecting all parts of the city, it would help them get to their first job perhaps, maybe they could eventually buy their first one bedroom home here, also, myself and my wife would have the option of down sizing and staying in the area.

For now, the playing fields do need to be upgraded, they are used by so many different people, walking, jogging, playing games, holding events- my girls play soccer there regularly and what a great idea to include a performance stage. Lastly, while the Public Works facility can be located anywhere in the city, housing is needed where people can walk to businesses downtown.

Thank you, Charles.